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Examiner: TBA

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified patent application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,546,538 A1 to Cobbley et al., issued August 13, 1996;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,455,901 A1 to Friend et al., issued October 3, 1995;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,292,857 B1 to Sidoroff et al., issued September 18, 2001;
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0012401 A1 to Nagy, published August 9, 2001; and
- (5) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0028851 A1 to Leung et al., published February 6, 2003.

A PTO-1449 form is included herewith listing these documents. Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the references are not included herewith. These

documents were cited in an International Search Report for a related PCT application, a copy of which is attached.

The International Search Report is in English. Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that further comment is unnecessary in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3). However, Applicants respectfully point out that the International Search Report classifies these documents in categories A and Y.

Applicants believe that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement. If, however, the Commissioner deems that any fees are necessary for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed above be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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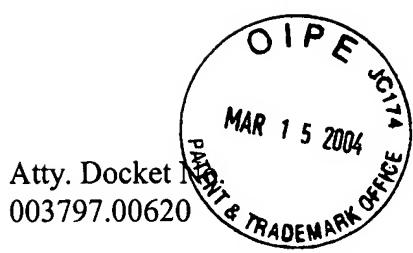
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d)**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d), Applicants hereby state that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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